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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal over the western portion of the State and a little below in the east. Warm weather prevailed during the first three days but the weekend was cold, raw and windy. A little light snow fell over the northeastern, central and western portions of the State but large areas received no precipitation during the week.

February was cold and windy with precipitation averaging a little above normal. Snowfall was rather heavy over the north central, northeast and the southern portion of the Panhandle. A blizzard occurred over the north central and western portions of the State from the 18th to the 20th. Large drifts of snow blocked many roads in this area, and caused considerable inconvenience. The southeastern corner of the State received heavy rains.

CROPS Winter wheat is showing up green as the snow disappears. Generally the reports are favorable, although more moisture is needed in parts of western Nebraska. With favorable weather the crop should get an early start this spring because of the fine progress made last fall.

Farmers are looking around for oats and barley seed for spring planting. Preparation of fields for spring seeding will begin as soon as the surface soil dries sufficiently. Application of commercial fertilizer to wheat fields is being made. The price of alfalfa ranges from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per ton. It appears there will be considerable surplus.

Total gross receipts from sales of farm commodities last year were \$1,067,634,000, a drop of 4 percent from 1953. Sales of livestock and livestock products amounted to \$738 million dollars or 69 percent of the total. Cash receipts from crops amounted to nearly \$330 million dollars or 31 percent of the total. Nationally, the net income was 35.4 percent of the gross or 2.2 percent less than in 1953.

Government payments totaled \$8,629,000 last year. About \$7,057,000 consisted of conservation payments and \$1,572,000 was paid to beet growers under the Sugar Act.

Only three of the States showed an increase in gross farm income last year. The balance of the States ranged from 79 to 100 percent. The Southeastern States that were affected by drouth showed the greatest decrease. The North Central States showed an average decrease of 4 percent.

LIVESTOCK Reports on livestock were generally favorable with only a few reports of losses. Calving and farrowing are making good progress and lambing is nearing completion. Hay and feed supplies are adequate.

January slaughter of cattle and particularly hogs is up from January a year ago. January sheep slaughter is the same as a year ago, while calf slaughter is down considerably. January slaughter in the United States for all classes is about the same as a year ago except for hog slaughter which was up nearly 17 percent. Total slaughter in the United States last year was up 3 percent.

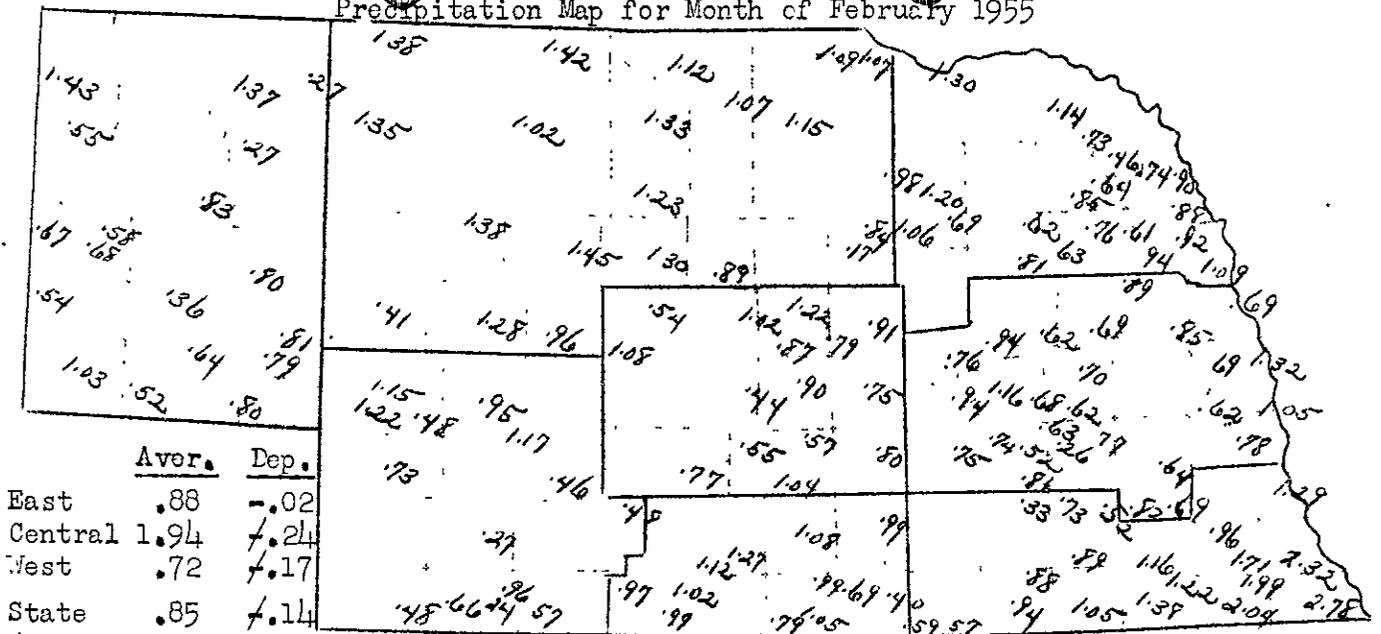
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1955

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	0	North Platte	.04	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.03	Valentine	.08	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

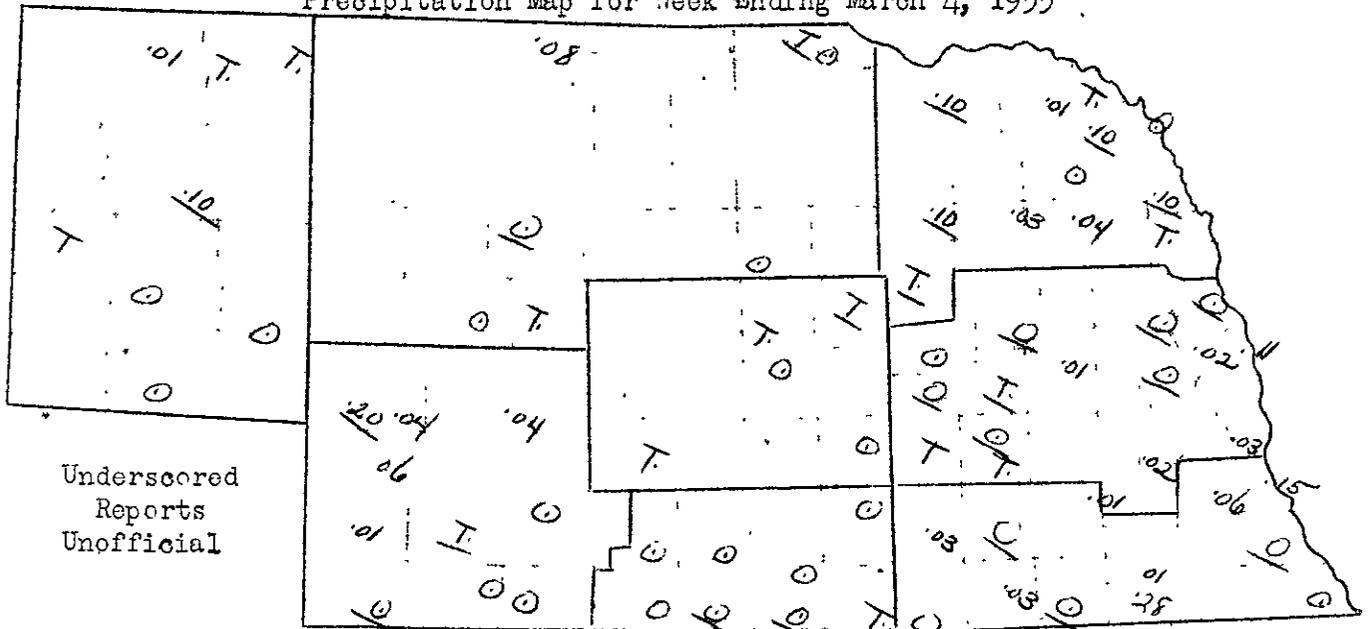
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Precipitation Map for Month of February 1955



Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 4, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March													
		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	29	43	29	58	20	45	26	38	- 2	29	13	36	30
	Scottsbluff	43	27	50	27	61	24	43	27	42	6	36	10	41	23
	Sidney	45	24	55	22	57	24	50	29	42	6	27	10	43	20
N-C	Furwell	42	19	49	29	60	27	33	25	34	4	20	11	32	22
	Valentine	35	23	45	26	59	23	-	22	33	- 4	23	11	30	22
NE	Norfolk	40	20	50	25	59	30	36	30	34	7	29	12	23	14
	Sioux City	39	17	49	27	48	30	38	30	34	9	30	9	24	10
CEN.	Grand Island	44	26	55	31	59	30	34	28	33	9	31	18	33	22
EC	Lincoln	38	26	57	29	63	30	36	31	34	15	34	14	31	18
	Omaha	33	18	49	31	52	33	39	30	33	14	32	11	28	9
SW	Imperial	49	20	60	24	64	27	49	20	52	8	29	16	43	27
	North Platte	43	25	55	27	58	28	36	27	50	6	25	-	37	28

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